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## Field Day Wrap-up – Tom Baker

Field Day has already come and gone and the 2002 Fort Wayne Radio Club Field Day has been a memorable one for everyone who participated.

Field Day 2002 started out Friday night this year. In the past we have had a few people informally camp out with the Trailer on Friday. But this year several people suggested camping Friday night



and bringing out a QRP rig and a wire antenna to play with. It worked out very well. First, because the forecast was for such hot weather, we went ahead and set up all but one of the tents Friday in the cool of the evening. Those stations

included the new GOTA station. Since the ARRL lets you set up anytime after 1:00 PM Friday if you are only going to be on the air for 24 hours, we went ahead and got some of the wire antennas up Friday as well. Then came the QRP rigs. There were an FT-817, a K-2, and Steve, WB9ZIY, brought his completed kit as well. We had a campfire, played on the air, and generally had a good time.

Despite getting more than usual done Friday night; there was still plenty to do Saturday morning. We got the power connected to the stations and got the rest of the tents and wire antennas put up. And of course we got the tower up



with the VHF 6 meter and 2 meter antennas. The computers with logging software were put into place and we were ready to go.

We hit the airwaves right on schedule at 1:00 PM and had a

great 24 hours on the air. The bands were good; there were several openings on 6 meters; the weather remained hot but dry; and it was great operating conditions. The GOTA sta-

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tion had a number of operators as well. We had some inactive amateurs and we had some unlicensed people "Get On The Air". Everyone got a chance and I believe everyone

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## President's Corner



Well Field Day is over for this year. I am writing this less than a week later. Last night, as we got 4 to 6 inches of rain, all I could think of was that I was glad the monsoon waited until after Field Day. We had great weather for Field Day this year; it was hot but it was dry.

Also, because this writing is less than a week after Field Day, I do not have the scores tallied yet. I have started, but it will take a few days yet. I will get the package mailed to the ARRL around the 4th of July. If you are interested in the score; we will have the results at the July General Meeting and we will report the score in the August newsletter. In the mean time I can say that the score will be up over our score of the last two years. For a more in depth wrap up on the Fort Wayne Radio Club Field Day for 2002; see my article in this newsletter.

Speaking of the July meeting; It will be held Friday July 19th at 7:30 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at the corner of Reed and Vance across from Snider High School. We are back to the third Friday of the month for July. The third Friday is our normal night but we were a week early in May and June because of the Dayton Hamvention and Field Day respectively. The program for July will be a recap of our Field Day scoring. I have also talked to Kevin, KB9RLW, about taking some time to educate us on the Echo Link software that his Internet linked system is using in an effort to get even more people interested in the system.

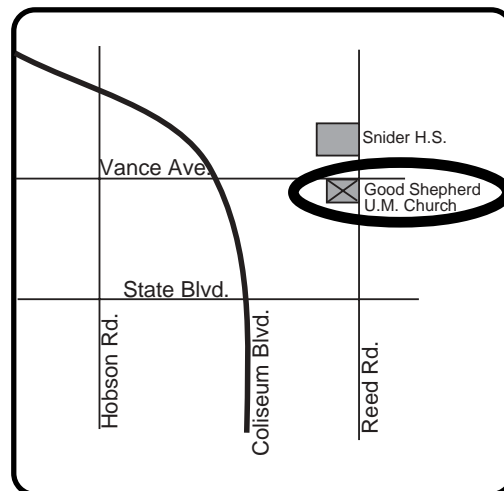
The August meeting will be Friday August 16th, again the third Friday of the month. Again this year we will do the tailgate hamfest in the parking lot of the church. To get as much daylight as possible we will start the August tailgate hamfest at 6:30 PM which is an hour earlier than normal. We have been doing the tailgate hamfest for a couple of years now and it has worked out very well. We

have been averaging around 50 people and some very good bargains. I have gotten a couple of items for my shack at our tailgate hamfest that I am using on a daily basis. Make sure you mark your calendar for this.

In September and October we will be looking at nominations and elections for our 2003 club board members. If you haven't served on the board; please consider volunteering for a position. It is a great way to contribute to the success of the Fort Wayne Radio Club; get to know a lot more of the people in the club; and even learn more about amateur radio.

Remember that the July General Meeting is Friday July 19th at 7:30. Mark your calendar now and we will see you there.

Tom / N9TB



## July Meeting

Fri, June 19, 2002, 7:30 PM  
Program: Field Day Wrap-up



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had a good time.

As always we had the Hog Roast Saturday evening about 5:30 PM I believe we had at least 40 people for the hog roast. Some just came out for the food and fellowship; but, everyone had a good time. There was plenty of food and desserts. Good food, good band conditions, good weather, what more could we want?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated. There were so many I can not name them all. Those helping Friday night; those helping Saturday morning; those operating; and those who helped tear down Sunday afternoon; thanks to everyone. I do want to thank

Jim, KB9WWM, by name for all his assistance with our GOTA station this year. Jim “supervised” the station and let it his call sign; Thanks Jim!

### More Field Day pictures on page 7.

It was a good year. If you didn’t make it out this year; remember the 4th full weekend in June for next year. It is a great time. You can get to know a lot of people and get tremendous operating experience. Next year make it a part of your Amateur calendar of events.

Tom / N9TB

**Fort Wayne Radio Club  
Minutes**

The June meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 PM on the 14th of June at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, by President Tom Baker, N9TB.

Since the previous month’s meeting was the May Banquet, there were no minutes to be read. For the last month finances, a report was read by treasurer, Bob Streeter, W8ST.

Following the financial report was a brief Foxhunt report from Wayne, KB9OZH, who was a co-winner of last month’s hunt along with Jim Pliett and Vic Keller.

Al Bowman, KC9APT, gave a short mention of the ongoing recruitment activities for the Venturing Crew that FWRC is supporting.

Clint, KB9LOF, talked briefly about the Port-O-Pit Chicken fund raising effort. Currently, he is looking into location, (which could possibly be the church), and a possible date.

Several people mentioned that the output of the 146.94 repeater is down. Larry, KB9OS, has been in contact with Scott, KA9SLN, and reported that Scott was willing to work on the repeater one last time, before he moves out of state, as a means of training a newer “crew” in the care of the machine. Tom, N9TB, suggested that our first step in repeater maintenance was to gather all documentation into a complete package, and have copies on the repeater sites, to ease the task of repair and upkeep. More on this subject will be discussed at the July Board meeting on the 9th.

Another club business item that was brought up is the checking of the financial books of the club. Tom said he would get together with Carl, N9NRO, and Bill, WD9HII, to see when this could be accomplished.

Clint, KB9LOF, talked about the Diabetes Walk-a-Thon, which was to be held on Saturday morning, June 15th. Everything seemed to be in place, and there were at least 10 amateur operators that would be working the event.

The 50-50 drawing was held, and the winner of half of the \$20 total was Bill, N9NAI.

At that point the business meeting was called to a close, to be followed by Field Day discussion, which was the topic of this month’s meeting.

These minutes were submitted by Vice President, Steve Nardin, WB9ZIY, as secretary Al Burke, WB9SSE, could not be present.

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## President's Message



I hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July. Thankfully the big events that everyone was concerned about did not take place. The 4th was a little different in Fort Wayne this year as the city was full of visitors. The Gold Wing Riders held their annual convention in our city this year, with about 14,000 cyclists riding into town. I wonder how many of them were Hams? Did anyone talk to our visitors on our repeaters?

The month of July brings another big event and more visitors to our city. It is time for the Three Rivers Festival, which starts this weekend. If you happen to be listening to the repeaters and hear someone asking for directions or information, please respond. We want to show our hospitality and be of help to our fellow Hams who may be visiting our city.

I remember the early years of the Three Rivers Festival when the Hams participated during the festival. We helped with communications for the opening day parade, and helped the Red Cross at their first aid trailer which used to be parked on the City-County parking lot. We also used to setup a working special events station at Franke Park on the first weekend. Maybe we can resurrect the idea of a special events station as an official event of the festival. This will require some advance planning and could take place in Headwaters Park. What do you think about this idea?

Mark your August calendar for the 17th. That is the date of the annual AC-ARTS family picnic. It will be held at the QTH of Jim Boyer, KB9IH. As always the club will provide the meat and drinks, and everyone brings side dishes or deserts. More details and a map will be in the August newsletter and on the web site. Well, that's all for now.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

## ABOUT THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Once again you will notice that the program topic is "TBD". If you are tired of seeing this why don't **you** volunteer for the position of Activities Director. ACARTS has been without an Activities Director for well over a year now and the quality of our programs has suffered. The responsibility of providing good programs shouldn't fall back on the club president and the rest of the board. Get off your posterior and do something for the club!

## Meeting Schedule

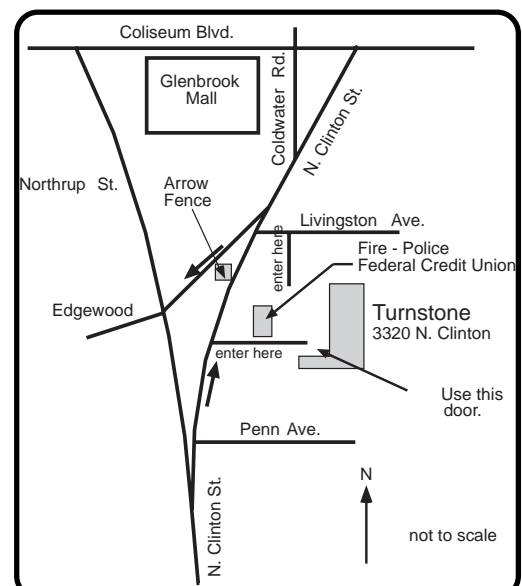
All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

**General Meeting:** 7/16/2002. Program: TBD

**Board Meeting:** 8/13/2002

All members are encouraged to attend.

**Tech Committee:** no meeting this month





### FCC Invites Public Comments On New Amateur Band Proposals

from *The ARRL Letter* – Public comments on FCC proposals to create two new amateur bands and to upgrade an Amateur Service allocation at 2.4 GHz to primary are due July 29, and reply comments are due by August 12. In response to an ARRL petition, the FCC last month released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ET Docket 02-98) that proposed to create a new 5-MHz HF allocation and a new low-frequency band in the vicinity of 136 kHz in addition to elevating amateurs from secondary to primary at 2400 to 2402 MHz.

The FCC adopted the NPRM May 2 on a unanimous vote. The NPRM was published June 14 in The Federal Register. A copy of the petition is available on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/et02-98/>>. Interested parties may file comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. To view filed comments, click on "Search for Filed Comments;" to file a comment, click on "Submit a filing." In either case, enter "02-98" in the "Proceeding" field. More than 130 parties—most of them individual amateurs—already have filed comments.

If the proposals eventually are approved, amateurs would gain a new, secondary, domestic (US-only) HF allocation at 5.25 to 5.40 MHz and a new LF "sliver band" at 135.7 to 137.8 kHz.

The FCC has recommended permitting amateurs to operate at full legal limit on a new 5-MHz allocation, but it left open for further discussion whether to restrict band access to certain license classes. The FCC also has invited further comment on whether the band should be broken down into mode-specific subbands.

On 136 kHz, the FCC has proposed limiting output to 1 W effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP)—or 100 W PEP maximum transmitter output—and with a transmission bandwidth of only 100 Hz. The ARRL had asked for 2 W EIRP and a maximum transmitter power of 200 W PEP. The FCC has asked whether its proposed power limits are appropriate. The FCC proposed to limit access to the band to General and higher-class licensees.

### June ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order by President Vic Berko, KA9LTV at 7:43PM.



Discussions were held about Field Day with FWRC again this year, and what we could find for a program for July. It was suggested that we look into a tour somewhere.

The August meeting will be the annual Family Picnic at Jim, KB9IH's house with the date to be set soon. It will be either August 10th or 17th.

Since we finally received the OK for being the Indiana State Convention for this year, the one page flyers have now been printed and distributed to our two main vendors to get them to all of the hamfests. Dan Soper, KB9NGM, talked about possible forums for this year's hamfest, and asked for suggestions. We will also be getting the vendors letters out soon, and getting additional street corner signs made for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Gagnon WB8HQS

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### June ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 PM by president Vic Berko, KA9LTV, with 15 in attendance, and started with introductions around the room.

Don, WB8HQS, asked if anyone had inputs for the clubs web page, or any for sale/wanted items to post.

Vic encouraged all members to join FWRC at field day next weekend, and to suggest ideas for possible places to tour for the July meeting.

The program was presented by Tom Baker, N9TB and Clint Sledge, KB9YOF on preparations for this year's Field Day.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Gagnon WB8HQS



## Ft Wayne DX Association

### DX Activities at Ham-Com 2002

By Vicky Luetzelschwab  
AE9YL

My husband Carl K9LA and I attended Ham-Com in the Dallas/Ft Worth area on June 7th and 8th. We had a great time!

We left Friday morning on American Airline's 6:45 AM regional jet to DFW, and we were in our hotel room by 10:00 AM. Ham-Com started at noon, and we first hit the Lone Star DX Association (LSDXA) forum. It was about issues dealing with DXing. I also did some card checking - I had two WAS and two WAC applications to check.



From left to right: Carl K9LA, Vicky AE9YL, Sheri Christian, Tom Christian VP6TC.

The LSDXA put on several DX forums Saturday, including Low Band Receiving Antennas by ON4UN, the South Sandwich and South Georgia DXpeditions by K4UEE and W3WL, An 80m Antenna Study by K5IU, and the XR0X DXpedition by KK6EK. I also attended a forum on DX for Beginners. This was very informative and I learned some new techniques.

There were a ton of prizes given. I won 2 small prizes!

The highlight Saturday was the LSDXA DX luncheon, with the guest speaker being Tom Christian VP6TC from Pitcairn Island. His daughter Sheri (one of four daughters) was also with him. Tom showed slides of the recent VP6DI Ducie Island DXpedition, and then showed slides of Pitcairn and talked of Pitcairn's history (he is the great great great grandson of Fletcher Christian of HMS Bounty fame). I asked Sheri if she was a ham. She said not yet, but if she was she wanted the call sign VP6TD (for Tom's Daughter).

We had dinner with Dick K5IU Saturday night at the Trail Dust Steakhouse near the Ham-Com convention center. I had fish and the men had steak. Although the Trail Dust had a 50-ounce steak on the menu, Carl was a good boy and only ordered the 12-ounce steak. The food was great and so was the

atmosphere!

All in all, we had a good time seeing several old friends from our Texas days, and we enjoyed the DX activities.

### ARRL HQ Meeting Explores Enhanced Public Safety Role For Amateur Radio

from *The ARRL Letter* – Exploring an enhanced post-9/11 public safety and homeland security role for Amateur Radio was the focus of a National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) Amateur Radio Working Group meeting June 25. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, hosted the daylong session at ARRL Headquarters which included participation by several ARRL staff members.

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"It's our goal to increase the credibility of the Amateur Radio Service, especially after 9/11," Haynie said. "We know we have a great service that we can offer, and the resources are at no cost to

the taxpayer, and it just makes good sense to us to use the Amateur Radio operators of America to help with homeland security and defense."

ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, briefed the gathering on ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Communications on-line training course series <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html>>. Copies of the Level I emergency communications course were distributed to meeting participants for their suggestions and comments.

Chairing the session was Gene McGahey, AL7GQ, who is deputy manager of Communications Technology Technical Assistance for the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center. NPSTC <<http://www.npstc.org>>

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## Severe Weather Notes Heavy Rain/GPS - Joel Tye, KB9RH

For the most part, things have been rather quiet so far this severe weather season, but on June 26th a narrow band of very heavy rain inundated the city of Fort Wayne and parts of Allen and Whitley Counties with over 4 inches of rain in just over three hours. The rainfall was so intense that Interstate 69 near Illi-

nois Road was closed overnight - along with numerous street/underpass closings in the city itself.

In addition to the heavy rain, the intense cloud-to-ground lightning caused power outages for almost 10,000 residents and was responsible for several fires. At the height of the storms, the lightning was almost continuous. It's been several years since we have seen lightning that intense.

Storm spotter reports that night to the National Weather Service were mainly confined to street flooding and street or underpass closings, in addition to a small number of reports of pea-sized hail. Strangely, the wind was not an issue that night, and very few wind reports were called in.

One question that has come up is the use of GPS coordinates in storm reporting. I have a hand-held GPS unit, and whenever I'm doing any mobile spotting, it's right there on my dashboard. However, I have never used it in any of my reports, and queried the Weather Service about their policy on this. To make a long story short, the Weather Service does not want any reports in latitude/longitude; therefore, if you have a GPS unit, please keep the reports referenced to a town or major intersection - as we have been doing all along. Sometimes the National Weather Service personnel may take a GPS reading when doing a damage survey, but they normally do not use the system.

That's about it for this month. We are now in the middle of what I call "downburst season" which runs from mid-June until the first part of August. Since there has been a lack of severe weather, now would be a good time for all of us to review our notes on severe storms and reporting procedures so we will be ready for the next event. As one person put it: "Let's all be ready and hope we are never needed".

from Joel KB9RH

## Advanced Skywarn Training Session - Howard Pletcher, N9ADS

Plans are being made for an Advanced Skywarn Training Session to be held on 3/15/03 at Elkhart Central High School. Further details will be available later. Nature of the program will be more in-depth, technical discussion of storms and spotting by some of the top storm people in the country. Anyone who is interested in learning more should attend. Mark your calendar.

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[www.npstc.org/](http://www.npstc.org/)—pronounced "nipstick"—is a coalition of organizations involved in public safety communications. ARRL is a NPSTC participant. This week's meeting was a followup to a brainstorming session last February in Washington, DC, in which ARRL took part.

McGahey said discussion this week included the public safety aspects of the proposed secondary domestic amateur allocation at 5 MHz; the relevance of accreditation and training programs and their role in validating Amateur Radio's participation in public safety communications support; the potential of 4.9 GHz to relieve public safety pressure from 2.4 GHz; and proposed research involving Amateur Radio's public safety role. Two surveys are under consideration for sometime within the next 12 months. One would determine Amateur Radio's specific emergency resources and capabilities. A second would assess the utilization and need for Amateur Radio resources by public safety officials.

Haynie said after the meeting that he's optimistic about Amateur Radio's greater involvement in public safety and homeland security communications. "It's a whole new mindset since September 11," he said, "and we now need to pay attention to how all Americans—whether they're in public safety or Amateur Radio—can cooperate to make this a safer nation."

## Dayton Hamvention Attendance Dips Again In 2002

from *The ARRL Letter* – Dayton Hamvention reports that attendance for this year's 50th anniversary event was 24,832—down about 5 percent from 2001's crowd of 26,151. The 2002 number marks the second year in a row that Hamvention attendance has dipped. Over the past five years, attendance numbers had climbed to 28,804 in 2000, the year of the ARRL National Convention at Dayton. Hamvention attendance peaked in 1993 at 33,669—before the event date changed from April to May.



**AMSAT-OSCAR 7 Satellite Returns From The Dead**

from *The ARRL Letter* – After being declared dead more than 20 years ago, the AMSAT-OSCAR 7 satellite suddenly came back to life this month. First heard June 21 by Pat Gowan, G3IOR, AO-7 subsequently has been monitored—and used again—by several other amateurs. AO-7 was launched November 15, 1974. It remained operational for more than six years before succumbing to battery failure in 1981.

AMSAT says it seems certain the satellite is running only off its solar panels, not from the onboard batteries, so it will be operational only while it's in sunlight. King speculates that the batteries, which shorted as they failed two decades ago, now are “un-shortening” and causing the satellite to come back to life.

For those attempting to use AO-7, Mode A (2 meters up/10 meters down) is not a problem, but Mode B (70 cm up/2 meters down) is. Because of changes in the international Radio Regulations that went into effect in the 1970s as AO-7 was under construction, the 432.1 MHz uplink frequency is no longer authorized for space communications.

AMSAT advises potential users that when uplinking to a satellite, they are operating in the Amateur-Satellite Service. AMSAT says uplinking to AO-7 “is possibly illegal since the Amateur Satellite Service is not permitted at 432.1 MHz.” The current band plan earmarks the 432.1 MHz range for weak signal work. Sections 97.207(c)(2) and 97.207(b)(2) of the FCC's rules authorize space station and earth station operation only in the 435-438 MHz segment.

Built by a multinational team under the direction of AMSAT-NA, AO-7 carries Mode A (145.850-950 MHz uplink; 29.400-500 MHz downlink) and Mode B (432.180-120 MHz uplink; 145.920-980 MHz downlink) linear transponders plus beacons on 29.502 and 145.972 MHz. A 2304.1 MHz beacon was never turned on because of international treaty constraints.

AMSAT has additional information on AO-7 on its Web site <<http://www.amsat.org>>.

**For Sale & Wanted****For Sale**

ANTENNAS & TOWER for SALE : 50 foot ROHN 25G with 2 foot top section, and guy cables - \$150 ; Mosley TA-33 Tri-band HF beam - \$150 ; KLM 2m-16LBX, 2 meter beam \$95 ; 6 foot Roof Mount tower with thrust bearing \$50; all dis-assembled and ready for your Spring antenna raising - Can deliver within reasonable distance, call Tim, ND9T, at 637-4336.



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“Wanted - 19” rack. Please contact Al Burke at 637-1989 or at [aburke55@comcast.net](mailto:aburke55@comcast.net)”.

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Free to a good home: 21 foot steel pipe, 2.5 inches diameter. Call Steve, WB9ZIIY, 260-483-4039, Fort Wayne

**NOTE:** For Sale & Wanted items will be listed for 2 months only unless the ad is resubmitted. If you sell an item the first month, please contact the editor so the item can be removed.

**Regional Hamfests**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>	<u>URL or E-mail</u>
21 July 2002	Van Wert, OH	419-238-1877	<a href="http://www.w8fy.com">http://www.w8fy.com</a>
27 July 2002	Cincinnati, OH	859-657-6161	<a href="http://www.ohkyin.org">http://www.ohkyin.org</a>
3 Aug 2002	Columbus, OH	614-846-7790	<a href="mailto:kb8kjp@cs.com">kb8kjp@cs.com</a>
4 Aug 2002	Angola, IN	260-475-5897	<a href="mailto:sharon.l.brown@gte.net">sharon.l.brown@gte.net</a>
4 Aug 2002	Cairo, OH	419-641-5623	<a href="mailto:w6mdn@hotmail.com">w6mdn@hotmail.com</a>
10 Aug 2002	Jackson, MI	517-522-4058	<a href="http://www.w8jxn.org">http://www.w8jxn.org</a>
10 Aug 2002	Indianapolis, IN	317-255-3000	<a href="mailto:lobraico1@comcast.net">lobraico1@comcast.net</a>
11 Aug 2002	Greentown, IN	765-668-4814	<a href="http://www.grantarc.com/greentown.html">http://www.grantarc.com/greentown.html</a>
8 Sept 2002	Findlay, OH	419-423-4604	<a href="http://www.findlayradioclub.org">http://www.findlayradioclub.org</a>
14 Sep 2002	Grand Rapids, MI	616-458-9029	<a href="http://www.w8dc.org/swap.htm">http://www.w8dc.org/swap.htm</a>
15 Sept 2002	Adrian, MI	517-263-5407	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8tqe">http://www.qsl.net/w8tqe</a>
21-22 Sep 2002	Grayslake, IL	773-631-0865	<a href="mailto:n9pa@aol.com">n9pa@aol.com</a>
22 Sept 2002	Cincinnati, OH	513-459-0142	<a href="http://CincinnatiAmateurRadio.com">http://CincinnatiAmateurRadio.com</a>
22 Sept 2002	Cleveland, OH	1-800-CLE-FEST	<a href="http://www.hac.org">http://www.hac.org</a>
16-17 Nov 2002	Fort Wayne, IN	260-489-6700	<a href="http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com">http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com</a>

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm>.



## Test Points

11-Jul-2002  
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: LYLE L LONG (219)875-8455

VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER  
 HOMAN BUILDING  
 GREENCROFT BLVD  
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

21-Jul-2002  
 Sponsor: VAN WERT VE GROUP  
 Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT EMA AGENCY ADM  
 BLDG 1300 OLD RTE 30  
 VAN WERT CITY FAIRGROUNDS  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

21-Jul-2002  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD  
 PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

27-Jul-2002  
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER (219)691-3009  
 VEC: W5YI VEC  
 Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL  
 BASEMENT MEETING ROOM 101 W MARKET  
 ST - SUITE C  
 N9QCL@ARRL.NET  
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

03-Aug-2002  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: WILLIAM C HALL (219)485-3995  
 Email: WD9HII@INFI.NET  
 VEC: W5YI VEC  
 Location: ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY  
 GEORGETOWN BRANCH 6600 E STATE BLVD

COMMUNITY ROOM  
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46815

24-Aug-2002  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD  
 PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

28-Sep-2002  
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER (219)691-3009  
 VEC: W5YI VEC  
 Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL  
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 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD  
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11-Oct-2002  
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: LYLE L LONG (219)875-8455  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER  
 HOMAN BUILDING  
 GREENCROFT BLVD  
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

26-Oct-2002  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD  
 PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

## Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - and/or - ☐ ACARTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ -<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

### **Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues**

Regular membership ☐ \$15.00 / year

Family membership <sup>1</sup> ☐ \$21.00 / year

Student membership <sup>2</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year

Associate membership <sup>3</sup> ☐ \$15.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club  
PO Box 15127  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

### **A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues**

Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year

Additional family members <sup>1</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year

Student membership <sup>2</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year

Associate membership <sup>3</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

3. unlicensed member

4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

A.C.A.R.T.S.  
PO Box 10342  
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

### **ACARTS Voice Repeaters**

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority

147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority

443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### **ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)**

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

145.010 (s) General use, NETROM (FWA) - wide

223.660 (s) BBS use ONLY NETROM (FWA220) - wide

### **Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters**

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use

146.94 (-) General use with autopatch

146.91 (-) Autopatch only

444.875 (+) General use

ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### **Area Traffic Nets**

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

**IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

### **Area Traffic Nets - Continued**

**Auburn:** meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.015+

**21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

**Helping Hands Net:** Mondays @ 8:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

### **Miscellaneous Nets**

**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

**Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270  
(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550  
+-. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

**Sloppy Code Net:** Sundays at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 40M (7.1405 MHz). This CW net's purpose is to build confidence and help increase code speed. The speed is generally 1-10 WPM. If you want to copy only contact Henry, KA9ZNN at 749-8968 for details..

**Six Meter AM net (informal):** Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on 50.580 MHz .